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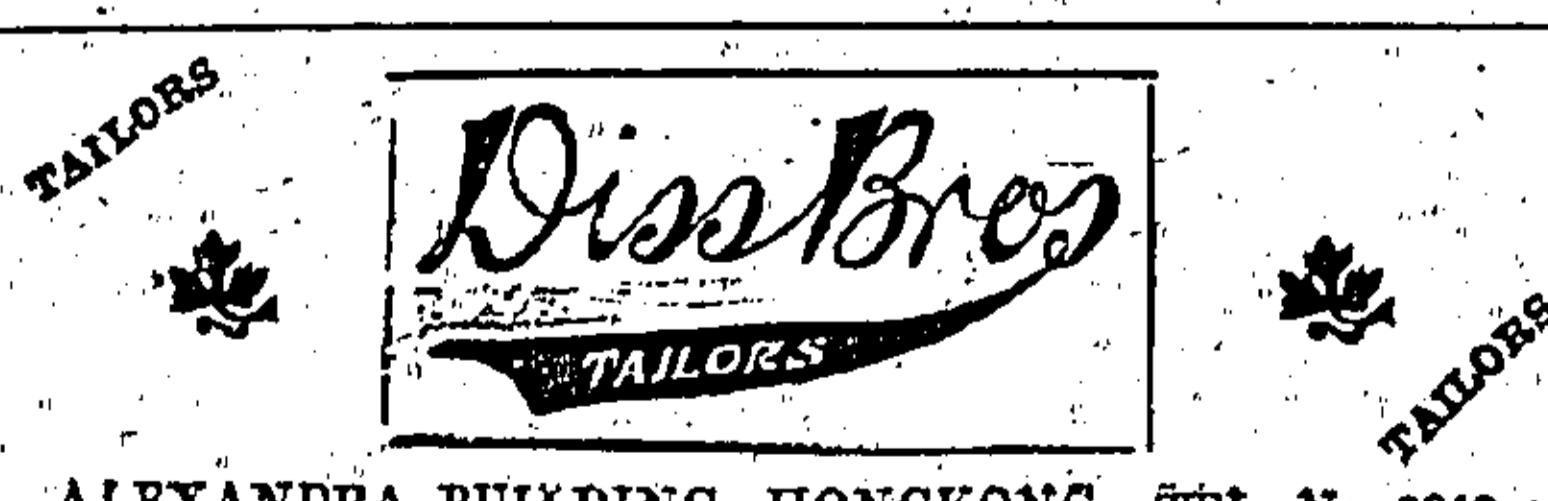
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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TRADE IN PARLIAMENT.

ANXIETY IN COTTON MARKET.

LONDON, March 19.

In the House of Commons Mr. Sugden called attention to the serious nature of the conditions affecting markets abroad of the cotton-spinning and weaving trade since the armistice. He asked about the possibilities of opening new markets and the solution of exchange values. Mr. Steel-Maitland replied that it was the duty of the commercial attaches and trade commissioners to report upon the possibilities of new or extended markets for British goods. The Far Eastern situation was full of anxiety and the despatch of a special mission of investigation was being considered. No report could suggest any general solution of exchange values as the problems differed in various localities. He was unaware of any prospect of a shortage of American cotton for the Lancashire mills, while the Government had already taken the necessary steps to secure Egyptian supplies.

VIEWS AND NEWS OF "HAVAS."

LONDON, March 16.

Contrary to expectation President Wilson did not attend the meeting of the Council of Ten yesterday.

The Supreme War Council had a very bulky volume before it, containing the detailed schedule of military, naval, and aerial terms to be imposed upon Germany.

President Wilson has issued a statement that the decision taken at the plenary session of the Peace Conference on January 25 that the foundation of the League of Nations should form an integral part of the peace treaty is final. Therefore there is no ground for the reports that a modification of this decision is being considered.

Representatives of the Entente and Germany held a meeting at the Hotel Astoria, Brussels. They did not salute one another on entering the room and there were no polite formalities.

Admiral Wemyss, read a series of terms for renewing the armistice. The leader of the German delegation reported "yes." Then the agreement was signed.

French papers mention a scheme for the future status of the Kiel Canal which has received a certain amount of support among the peace delegates. The exploitation of the canal by an international limited liability company is meant. The value of the canal and a narrow strip of territory on either bank is to be deducted from the general sum to be recovered from Germany.

DISASTROUS DOCK FIRE.

LONDON, March 6.

At the port of Santos in Brazil a very serious fire at the docks, has destroyed 29,000 bales of jute and 90,000 bags of "state government" coffee. The loss is estimated at £1,500,000.

SILVER MARKET.

SINGAPORE Mar. 19.

The silver market is quiet.

LATER.

The silver market is steady.

WHAT BERLIN MEANS.

It has looked during the past week as if the police functions of the League of Nations might have to be exercised in Germany before anywhere else. I do not share the suspicions of the *Morning Post* that the civil war in Berlin is only a little comedy gone up for the purpose of hoodwinking the Allies; on the contrary, I feel ashamed when the London press makes itself so ridiculous in the eyes of foreign nations. What we have been witnessing is the struggle for power in the reconstruction which must follow the war—the same thing that we have had in England, but less orderly owing to the absence of any constituted authority. The French have wisely postponed the struggle, but it will have to come there also. In Berlin what the rival groups have probably been fighting for more than anything else is to get the top place before the elections come on in a few days' time. When they are over, Germany will probably right herself. In the meantime, it is well to remember that Berlin is not Germany—not by any means—*Truth*.

From the always delightful diary of "The New Pepys" in *Truth* we abstract this pleasant story:

Meeting Mr. MacTaggart, whom I have not seen a great while, and mentioning Princess Pat, her being the first of our Princesses that takes herself to a commoner, "I wud ha' ye know, mon," quoth he hokey, "that the Ramsays are in truth royal of the royal, being in the direct line fra' the Pharaoh Rameses who did harry the Israelites." Moreover, do instance in proof hereof, how Sir William de Ramsey, in the xiii. centy. did (by grace of his friend King Robert the Bruce) have the teeth pulled of every Jew in the Lowlands. Whereas the poor creatures protesting, as at an unmerited wrong, "Nay, ye rogues," says Sir William, "but a just revenge for what your dell' o' a Moses did to the 1st Rameses." And hearing this, wows McTaggart, they held their peace, being unable to deny it. Which is very strange.

AMERICAN RADIOGRAMS.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

GERMANY'S LEASE OF TSINGTAO.

WASHINGTON, March 19.

The Associated Press correspondent at Paris reports that it is said that the Peace Conference has virtually decided to include in the Preliminary Treaty of Peace requirements that Germany relinquish her leasehold of Tsingtao and all her property concessions in Shantung province.—*American Wireless*.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

New York, March 19.

The Secretary to President Wilson announced that he is in receipt of a cablegram from President Wilson stating that the Plenary Council has positively decided that the League of Nations will be part of the Peace Treaty.—*American Wireless*.

LOANS TO SIBERIA.

WASHINGTON, March 19.

The United States Treasury Department advanced a new credit amounting to \$15,000,000 to be expended by Siberia, making the total loans by the United States to Siberia \$27,000,000, and the total United States loans to the Allies \$8,674,657,000.—*American Wireless*.

U. S. REVENUE.

WASHINGTON, March 19.

President Wilson, in signing the Revenue Bill, has put into operation the machinery for collecting six billion dollars by taxation this year.

The new measure carried a rider making the District of Columbia a "bone dry," with no liquors permitted except in the foreign Embassies and Legations, which will not be affected by the measure.—*American Wireless*.

PRESIDENT WILSON IN PARIS.

PARIS, Mar. 19.

President Wilson arrived here shortly after noon on Friday.—*American Wireless*.

COTTON QUOTATIONS.

LIVERPOOL, Mar. 19.

The cotton quotations are as follows:

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CHINESE COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION.

Chicago, March 19.

On Tuesday, the first exclusively Chinese commercial organisation in the United States was formed in the shape of a new Chinese Steamship Line, to which the Chinese merchants of San Francisco have subscribed \$3,000,000.

The dedication of the Chinese Industrial Commercial Association building in the Chinese quarter in Chicago took place on Tuesday.

Chi Lin-sun, Chinese Consul-General at New York, and a number of Chinese of New York were welcomed by the Chicago business-men at a banquet.

The Consul-General said the Association had been planned to promote friendly relations and to encourage commerce between the Republic of the United States of America and China. A cordial spirit of cooperation was shown between the American merchants and the Chinese.—*American Wireless*.

RACE PREJUDICE.

New York, March 19.

Viscount Ishii, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, speaking before the Japan Society last evening, urged action by the Peace Conference to eliminate race-prejudice.—*American Wireless*.

THAT NAUGHTY MOSES.

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CABLE BOAT'S ADVENTURE.

CHASE FOR GERMANS IN SOUTHERN SEAS.

Modestly hidden away in a Treasury White Paper issued recently dealing with the accounts of the Pacific Cable Board is a story of an exciting chase for escaped German prisoners by the cable maintenance steamer Iris.

The boat was proceeding with its ordinary work when it was requested by the New Zealand Department of Defence to conduct a search for a party of German prisoners of war who had escaped from the internment camp at Motiti Island, Auckland Harbour, on December 13, 1917. The fugitives, under the leadership of Lieutenant-Commander Count Felix Von Luckner, who had been in command of the German raider Seeadler, secured a motor launch, in which they succeeded in getting away from Auckland. On December 16 they captured the timber-laden scow Moa, to which they transferred themselves from the launch. The Iris proceeded from Auckland on December 16 in pursuit, and overtook the Moa at Curtis Island, in the Kermadec group. All the escaped prisoners were recaptured, and the Iris returned to Auckland with the Moa in tow, arriving there on December 26.

This little sidelight on the war is contained in the Cable Board's report for the financial year April 1, 1917, to March 31, 1918, which is included in the Treasury White Paper showing the money issued from the Consolidated Fund under the Pacific Cable Act, 1901, and the money received, expended, and borrowed, and securities created.

CABLE FINANCE.

In its financial aspect alone the report is interesting as showing the magnitude of the work of the Cable Board. The receipts for the year amounted to £41,061 10s. 4d., this sum exceeding the expenditure by £112,088 £s. The excess of receipts over expenditure was greater by £21,162 3s. 6d. than that of the previous year. The net traffic receipts, £401,974, 10s. 6d., exceeded those of £401,725 2s. 7d. This being the case, and Government tribute, due mainly to the greater cost and consumption of stores, and to heavier staff charges consequent upon the higher rate of war allowance and increased overtime charges.

During the year over 7,500,000 paying words of international traffic were handled, and nearly 600,000 words of messages to, from, and in relation to wounded members of expeditionary forces were transmitted free. In addition 172,000 paying words were carried between Australia and New Zealand, and between Australasia and the Pacific Islands.

The quantity of paying words of international traffic was less by 1,250,000 than that transmitted during the previous year (when the record total of nearly 9,000,000 words was established). This reduction was due to the enforced curtailment of cheap classes of traffic owing to connecting companies being unable to accept them.

Cables continue to be heavily pressed, with war traffic, and it is feared that no opportunity of reinstating the weekend telegram and deferred press will occur, until the return to normal conditions. It is hoped, however, that the reinstatement of deferred, ordinary may be possible in the near future.

THE CORONET.

Last night there were packed houses at the Coronet Theatre. The chief picture was "The Escape." This drama was well screened, and the actors played in a most realistic manner. Lilian Gish was in the leading part. A Charlie Chaplin film entitled "Charlie in the Police" was extremely popular. Charlie comes out of prison and is met by a few people who wish to help him to keep straight. Needless to say they achieved very little success. The Manager of this theatre might give his patrons another chance of seeing this film. Many must have missed it due to the theatre filling so quickly on the three days the picture has been showing.

Colonel Heeza Liar was depicted getting married which was quite amusing. Altogether a fine programme and the orchestra is first class. To-night the Coronet management are showing "The Mysterious Client" with Mrs. Vernon Castle in the leading role.

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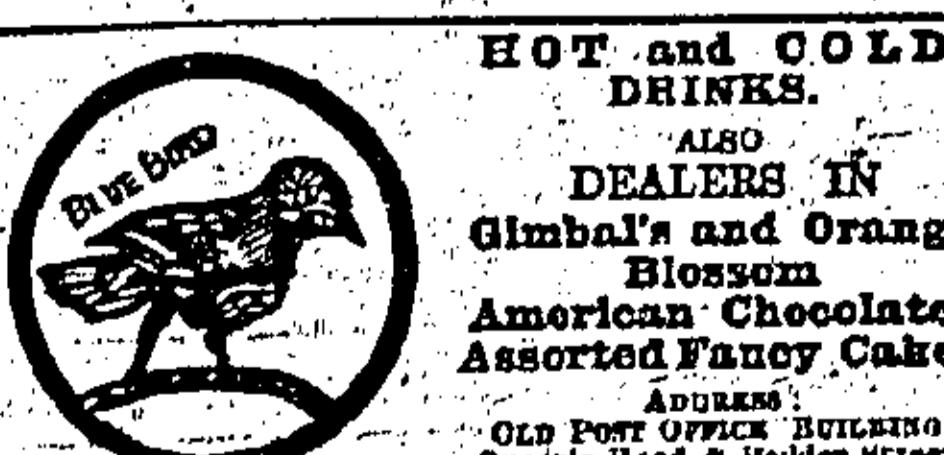
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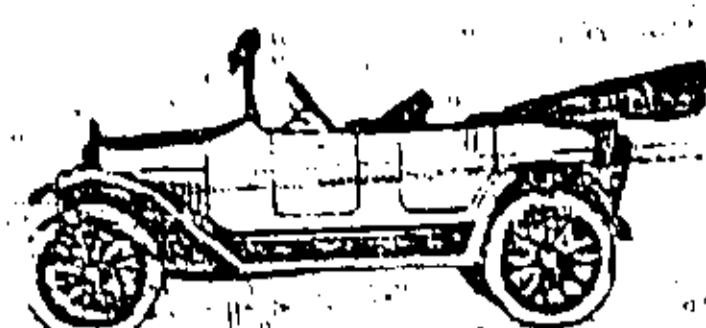
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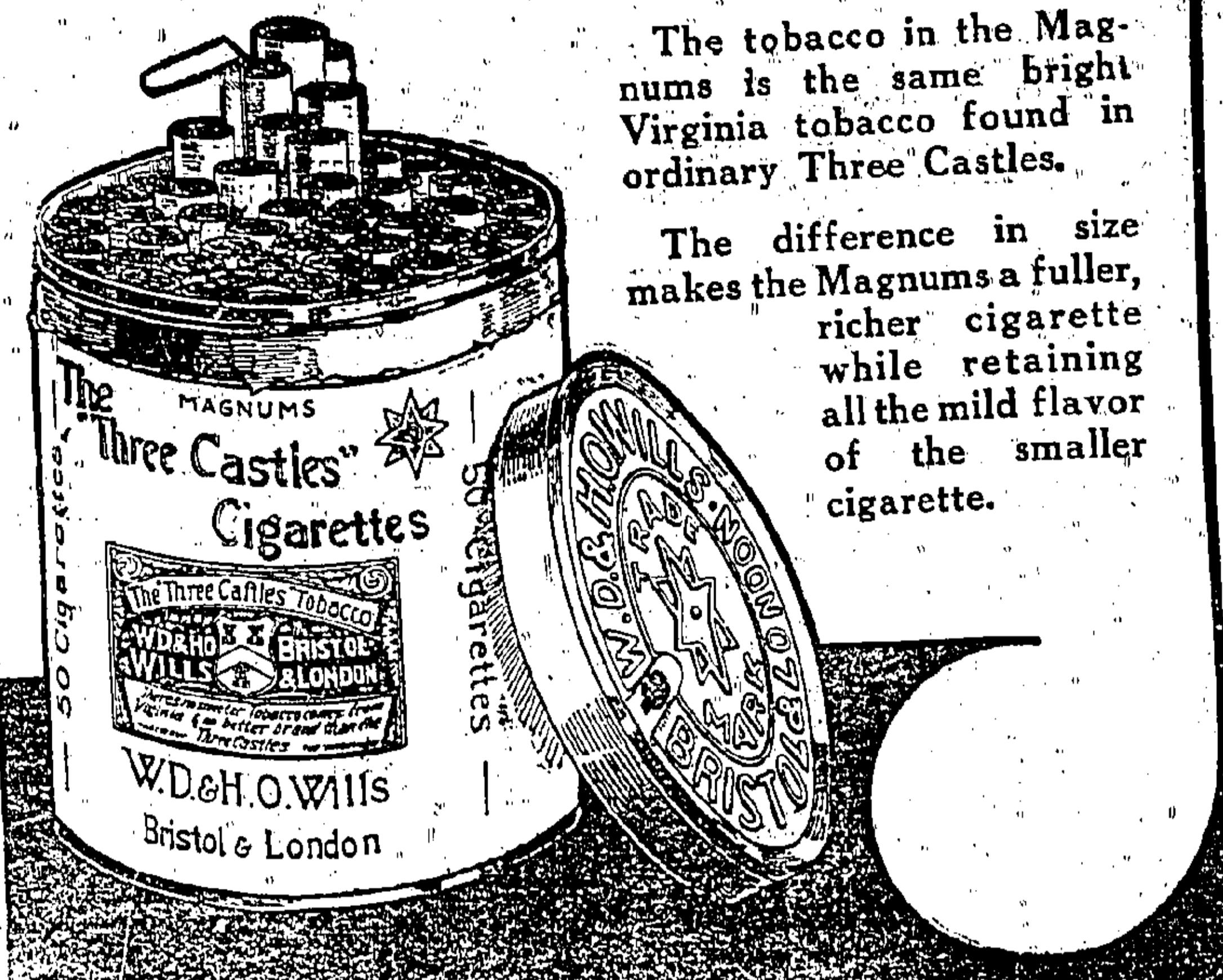
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THE FARMER AND THE PIG
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On the future development of agriculture, Sir Daniel Hall, Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, writing to the Agricultural Gazette, says "the first of the tasks of the future is to get our plough land, both old and new, once again into a condition of cleanliness and fertility. Draining also demands immediate attention; and, without doubt, the State can profitably put in hand many large schemes for the reclamation of waste land and for artificial drainage. The country has come to the conclusion of the war in the fortunate position of having maintained intact its dairy herd and without much decline in the numbers of beef cattle. But though numbers have not fallen much, the average rest of our cattle is lower than it was, and a certain amount of reconstruction is called for in order to restore the stock to its old level. This is the opportunity, then, for improving the general character of that stock. Pigs have suffered most in their numbers: the stock was far too low before the war, and if we consider further what a great reduction has been effected in the pig stock in two of the countries most likely to import, Denmark and Holland, the pig trade ought to prove very profitable, and farmers cannot begin too early to meet it.

VICAR AND CURATE.

Writing in his Parish Magazine for Jan., the Rev. James Norris, vicar of Liskeard parish church:

I now come to a painful subject—very painful to me, my family, and to many others, viz., the unwarranted and unwarrantable attack on me. While thanking you for what you have done, I would like to say that peace, too, has its great problems for us all. Our efforts now must aim at making the countryside not only more productive than ever, but also a worthy homeland for the men and women of our race.—D. Lloyd George.

THE GLORY OF GREECE.

Dr. Burrows, Principal of King's College, speaking on "The Revival of Greece" at University College recently, declared that in the desire to glorify Serbia both English and French communists had totally obscured the glory of Greece. The Serbs themselves regretted this.

Without the presence of strong Greek forces the Macedonian offensive would have been impossible. Bulgaria would not have fallen, and Turkey would not have been isolated.

The sufferings of Belgium were light compared with the sufferings of the Greeks in Asiatic Turkey.

It was likely, he said, that Constantinople and the Straits would be put under the mandatory power of the United States, and he believed that this would be acceptable to Greece, who, however, would love to be entrusted with Constantinople itself. It was unthinkable that a great Christian population should be left to the ever-unreceptive Turk.

In all my long period of practically fifty years as a clergyman (twenty-five years of this parish), and my forty-six years as vicar of curates—

—I have never had such an experience before. Mr. Sykes was

at my house on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, and had supper with us; he

and I met in the vestry on Saturday afternoon of Dec. 23, and nothing of

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Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED)

on **TUESDAY**,

March 25, 1919, at 5.30 p.m., at AH KING'S SLIPWAY;

The Houseboat "FLORA," recently

overhauled and painted inside and out.

Complete with all accessories including Dinghy, Icebox, lavatory, new sail, &c., &c., and ready for immediate use.

Inspecting orders from the Under-

signed—or from 24th instant.

Terms:-Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, March 14, 1919.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS**PUBLIC AUCTIONS**

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned),

on **FRIDAY**,

March 29, 1919, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Icy House Street,

A LARGE SELECTION OF Chinese Porcelains and Curios, comprising:-

A variety of 5-coloured and 3-coloured Vases and Plates, Blue and white Vases and Figures, etc., old Bronzes, including Incense Burners of the Sung and Ming Dynasties, Peikins Choussons, Amber, Jadestone, Crystal and Agate Vases and Ornaments, Bonds, etc., Carved Bamboo Ware and a number of Snuff Bottles.

Also

Old Lacquered Screens, Embroideries, &c., &c., &c.

The greater portion of the above stock has recently arrived from the North and includes pieces from the Sung, Ming, Kanghi, Yungching, Kienlung and Tawkwong Periods.

Catalogues will be issued.

On view day of sale.

Terms:-Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers to the Government,

Hongkong, March 14, 1919.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned has received instructions from The Hon. the Carr. Secy. or Police to sell by Public Auction.

A further small consignment of Embroidered Linen Tea Cloths, Ladies Underwear, &c., &c.

These articles are of exceptional value equal to best Convent work, &c., &c., &c.

comprising:-

Tea Cloths, Tea Serviettes, Tea Cosies, Camisoles, Night Gowns, Blouse Lengths, Collars, Bedspreads, &c., &c., &c.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

On view day of sale.

Terms:-Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers,

Hongkong, March 11, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned),

ON**SATURDAY**,

March 29, 1919, at 11 a.m.,

No. 6 Police Moorings,

AND

No. 8 Police Pinnacle

Hull Teakwood,

Length ... 40 feet,

Beam ... 8 "

Draft ... 4 " 6 inches.

Engines compound, non-condensing.

Inspecting orders may be had from the Undersigned.

Terms:-Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers to the Government,

Hongkong, March 18, 1919.

ON

SATURDAY,

March 29, 1919, at 11 a.m.,

at No. 1, Hart Avenue, Kowloon,

THE SUNDAY

Valuable Household Furniture,

&c., &c., &c.

therein contained.

Including POT PLANTS and

ELECTRIC FITTINGS.

(Particulars from Catalogue).

On view day of sale.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,

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Hongkong, March 18, 1919.

FOR SALE

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,

Des Voeux Road, Corner of Icy House Street,

A QUANTITY OF USEFUL HOUSEHOLD LINENS, DRAWN WORK, & EMBROIDERIES.

Comprising:-

HOUSEHOLD LINENS.—Single and Double Plain and Hemstitched Sheets, Pillow Cases, Double White Satin Quilts, Linen Damask Serviettes, Glass Cloths, Bath Towels, Face Towels, &c., &c.

DRAWNWORK.—Bedspreads, Pillow Cases, Tray Cloths &c., &c.

EMBROIDERIES.—Bedspreads, Table Covers, Tea Cloths, Runners 18 by 54 in.

A few lots of Attache Cases and Below Valises.

All new goods and small lots to suit purchasers.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers,

Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell

at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,

Des Voeux Road, Corner of Icy House Street,

One complete set Engines and Boiler in good working order.

DESCRIPTION:

Set of Compound Engines, 16 x 33, Sat. by 2 stroke,

Boiler, 12 x 10", working pressure 120 lbs. on Veritas survey.

To be sold in one lot, together with Engine Seat, Shafts and Propeller and all piping, &c., connected with the above mentioned Engine and Boiler.

Also

Anchors and Chains, Wooden Mast,

And

2 Navigating Compasses.

At present stored at Kwong Tung Cheong's shipyard.

Inspecting orders and further particulars may be had from the Undersigned.

Terms:-Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers,

Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell

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Des Voeux Road, Corner of Icy House Street,

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-MOUNTED DOUBLE AND TWIN BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS, &c., &c., &c.

Comprising:-

Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs (new), Folding Card and Occasional Tables, One Upholstered Suite, Bedroom Furniture, comprising Teakwood Twin Bedsteads, Bedheads, large and small Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Washstands, &c., &c.

(fumed Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, &c., &c., Dinner Services, Crockery, and good Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, &c., Bath Room Utensils, Electro-Plated Ware.

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JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1919.

THE BRITISH DICTATOR.

Mr. Lloyd George is nearly as much a dictator as Oliver Cromwell was. It may not be realized now, but history will so record it. Since the coup d'Etat of December 1916 he has been more royal than the King, and has well-earned the title of King George VI. The "mandate" of the General Election has established him, and he will have as much power as Napoleon I. or President Wilson until his Tory associates play him false and pull him down. By that time, probably, his work will have been done, and it may not matter much, either to him or to us.

The people at home were half-conscious of this dictatorship and felt that it was a good working arrangement. In war time government by debating society was bound to be impossible. Mr. Clemenceau had abolished it in France, largely by clapping his political opponents into jail. Republican America gives its President the powers of an autocrat. President Wilson can ignore his Senators and Congressmen with less trouble than the Kaiser could have ignored the Reichstag. As for our Parliament, it was exactly in the position of the children in a cottage home when the mother is having another baby. Told to run away and play, it did so, without anybody being the penny the worse or better for it. Now that there is no opposition worth mentioning, it will count for even less.

The Rt. Hon. C. E. G. Masterman (who wrote that illuminating pre-war book, "The Condition of England") tells us some things not generally known about the Cabinet. Many people are still under delusion as to Cabinet government, he says. They imagine debating-society discussion, and then a solemn vote. They imagine that the Cabinet, chosen by a Prime Minister responsible to Parliament, is the instrument of government. A British Cabinet, whatever the constitutional theory

LOCAL AND GENERAL

To-day's dollar is worth 3s. 1 11/16.

Hongkong-Canton steamers were delayed by fog yesterday.

To-day's return of communicable disease shows one case of cerebro-spinal fever.

In his lecture at Canton, Chevalier Volpicelli drew a parallel between Dante and Confucius.

Tickets at present booked for "Pinkie and the Fairies" cannot be exchanged for the extra performances.

The lower House of the Kwangtung Assembly meets to-day to discuss the cancellation of illegal loans to the government.

Dr. C. T. Wang, one of China's delegates at Paris, has been appointed to go to Brussels for the International Conference there.

Major A. J. Thompson, D.S.O., R.G.A., formerly Staff Officer of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, was appointed Acting Lieutenant-Colonel in the end of last year.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company at Canton has been getting blackmailing letters from bandits. The Consul has written to the Provincial authorities about it.

The annual athletic sports for the combined Hongkong Schools will be held on Friday, the 28th instant, at the Race course. There will be the usual races for past pupils.

Sgt. Major T. G. Attie R. G. A., who was serving in the Hongkong-Singapore R. G. A. here in pre-war days, has been commissioned as Lieutenant (District Officer) R. A.

Mr. Israel Zangwill says the real mission of the Jews is to convert Christians to Christianity. That is what the Rev. T. D. Woodman Dowding has been attempting at Kowloon.

The Canton Times says: Some of our local rice merchants who have made excessive profits since the rice shortage, have stopped eating pork. They don't want the public to think they are cannibals.

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Lieut.-Colonel Gel. Badham-Thornhill, D.S.O., R.G.A., has been awarded the Italian war cross. Lieut.-Colonel Badham-Thornhill served in Hongkong in pre-war days, and has since been employed for a time as Staff Officer to the Colonial Forces in Singapore.

Major (Act. Lieut.-Colonel) R.H.M. Watson, R.G.A., who commanded a company of Hongkong-Singapore R.G.A. here at the outbreak of war, has been awarded the "Order of the Crown of Italy," Officer" by the King of Italy.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai has informed the Kwangtung Food Relief Association that \$250,000 has been received and that soon a representative will be sent to Wuhan to ship more rice. Three days later rice will be transported to Canton.

A Chinese was this morning brought up on remand before Mr. Lindsell, on an application for his surrender to Singapore where he was wanted for the larceny of a quantity of gold spectacle rims and other articles the property of the Commercial Press. Mr. Longinotto who appeared for the Crown asked for a further remand as the witnesses have not yet arrived from Singapore. Mr. Agassiz, for the defence agreed, but said he would like a definite date fixed as his client had been in custody for quite a long while. A further week's remand was ordered.

DR. BARNARDOS HOMES.

"A HONGKONG BED."

The appeal for subscriptions for a "Hongkong Bed" in this excellent institution, as a memorial to Barnardo boys who died in the war, is progressing.

To the \$303.00 previously acknowledged, Mrs. H. E. Pollock, of 128 Peak, who is Honorary Treasurer, now adds the following list:

H. E. Hon. Mr. Claud Severn... \$100.00

Hon. P. H. Holroyd..... 100.00

Mrs. E. V. D. Parr..... 50.00

Mrs. Murray Scott..... 20.00

Mrs. A. Beattie..... 20.00

General Ventris..... 20.00

Mrs. Bowdler..... 20.00

Mrs. Scott Harston..... 10.00

Mr. E. Howard..... 10.00

Mrs. W. H. Bell..... 10.00

Mr. P. Burns..... 10.00

Mrs. Hodgeson..... 5.00

Miss Sloan..... 5.00

Miss Lawrence..... 5.00

Mrs. Ralphs..... 5.00

\$10.00

A. good many people think rheumatism cannot be cured without taking numerous medicines. Chatterton's Pain Balm massaged thoroughly over the skin has cured far more thoroughly than any internal remedy in existence and gives relief quicker. For sale by all Chemists and Storeskeepers.

THE GYMKHANA CLUB.

The Hongkong Gymkhana Club holds its first 1919 meeting on April 9. Following is the programme:

1. 3.15 p.m.—HALF MILE RACE.

For Subscription Griffins of the Season 1918-1919 which have run and not won an Official Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners at Official Meeting allowed 3 lb. Jockeys who have not won more than two official races allowed 5 lb. Entrance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$40.

2. GYMKHANA STAKES.—Value \$200. Distance—One Mile.

For all China Ponies. Catch weights at 10 st. 6 lb. Winners of an open race or open Griffin race or Ponies that have won the aggregate prize in the Gymkhana Stakes in any season 5 lb. extra. Non-winning Subscription Griffins allowed 5 lb.

A Cup to be run for five times, or decided by the Committee, called the Gymkhana Cup will be presented at the end of the Season to be won by the Pony scoring most marks in the races for the Gymkhana Stakes at the Gymkhana Meetings during the Season, counting 4 points for a first; 2 for a second; and 1 for a third. The benefit of marks already scored to pass with the Pony on a sale. Any winner of the race this season to carry 5 lb. extra for each win in subsequent starts for the race, but in the event of a Pony carrying the penalty not winning, 2 lb. to be deducted next time he starts, such 2 lb. to remain deducted until he wins again when he will carry the full penalties without deduction. Penalties accumulative up to 15 lb.

In the event of two or more Ponies tying with the same number of marks after Five Races have been run the owners shall either divide the value of the Cup which is hereby placed at \$400 or shall run off on a day to be fixed by the Committee not being the same day as the last race for the Stakes but within two weeks thereof. In the event of a run off the weights shall be weight for inches as per scale. Entrance Fee \$5. 2nd Prize: \$100. 3rd Prize: \$50.

3. CLASS HANDICAP: A CLASS: Once Round.—For China Ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$40.

4. POST ENTRY EVENT.—Details will be published later.

5. CLASS HANDICAP: B CLASS: Once Round.—For China Ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$40.

6. CLASS HANDICAP: C CLASS: Once Round.—For China Ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$40.

7. HANDICAP: One and a Quarter Mile Race.—For China Ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st Prize: \$150. 2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$40.

Entries for all events close to the Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Gymkhana Club, on Wednesday, March 26. They should be sent to the Hongkong Club, care of Hall Porter, who will receive and be responsible for them.

PINKIE'S PARTY:

Happy, happy they who can have seats to see "Pinkie and the Fairies" at the City Hall. We feel sorry for those who will miss this show. No professional company on tour could possibly equal it, and certainly none could approach the magnificent stage settings. It is not an entirely kindergarten performance, as some have supposed.

For those that have no particular love of children, and who think fairies all nonsense, it has plenty to offer. There is catchy music, songs by grown-ups, beautiful dancing, lovely dresses, and a ballet that would draw every Nut for miles around, if they but knew. This is not a preliminary puff inspired by interested parties, nor is it an opinion built on hearsay. It is a considered judgement based on a view of last night's dress rehearsal.

The play itself is of the Christmas pantomime order, meaning those before the pantomime degenerated.

The "book" may have been inspired by Barrie's "Peter Pan" or Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird," though it introduces a more modern, topical flavour.

The manner in which some of its most difficult "business" is done argues remarkable talent in the participants, or exceedingly painstaking stage management, or both.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS ISSUED BY MR. J. W. FRANKS D.S.P.R.

RESIGNATION.

P. C. 72 Chow Pak Tim is allowed to resign on leaving the Colony.

March 20th, 1919.

RUB IT IN.

A. good many people think rheumatism cannot be cured without taking

numerous medicines. Chatterton's Pain

Balm massaged thoroughly over the skin has cured far more thoroughly than any

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MOHAMMEDANS ENTER-TAIN FIGHTERS.

HONGKONG SINGAPORE BATTERY AT WISEMAN'S.

A little while ago the Sikh community entertained the Indian soldiers from Palestine and yesterday afternoon the Indian Staff of the General Post Office entertained tea at Wiseman's, the British and Indian Officers and N.C.O.'s and men of the Mountain Battery which has returned from active service in Palestine.

At 5 o'clock the Battery marched along Des Voeux Road, headed by the pipers. Khan Sabir Hashim Khan received the guests. Captain F. L. Skilton, M.C., Lieuts. E. A. Evenhuis, M.C., R. O. Perrott, A. J. Wilcox, F. H. Mann, L. B. Tyler, C. W. Reynolds, R. A. Sutherland, and H. P. Creasy were the British officers present. Indian officers and decorated N.C.O.'s present were: Subadar Imam Din Khan, M.C., Subadar Mehdji Shah, Jamadar Nur Mahomed, Sub Asst. Surgeon Major Dulsh (Russian Order of St. George, gold medal), Hav. Major Piran Ditta, D.C.M., Hav. Piran Ditta, D.C.M., Hav. Ghani, Hav. Sultan Mohamed, Milti, Medals, and Naik Tikka Khan, Milti, Medals.

There were a number of other guests, including, Mr. S. B. C. Ross, Postmaster-General, Messrs. A. F. Remondes, A. F. Clayton, Wong To Ki, G. T. Gundall, W. Sonza and A. R. Kinross.

Mr. Wakeman opened for the Crown, and put forth briefly the facts of the case.

For Chuk Chun, the first witness, deposed that he was an accountant in the firm of Chin Hing and that on January 13 last, he was asleep in the accountant's room of that firm, and he was awakened by the robbers who took hold of his two hands and held him down and one robber pointed a revolver at him.

The stealer of flowers was seen taking the flowers by a Chinese constable and arrested. The stealing of flowers was becoming too common in the Wan Chai district particularly so in Broadway Road, where flower stealing was becoming a regular occurrence in the gardens of Mr. Ross, Mr. Warren and Mr. Tolson. The Sergeant said he had received so much complaint from these gentlemen that he was obliged to detail two men to do special duty on the road in question. Taking into consideration the fact that this was the prisoner's first offence, his Worship fined him \$1.

Charged with the theft of some sugar, a Chinese employed by the Turkoo Sugar Refinery pleaded

"not guilty." After evidence had been taken from the police to the effect that when searched at the gate by a watchman, the sugar was found under the prisoner's armpit, his Worship fined him \$5.

As the result of a raid conducted by the police at No. 25 Ashton Road, twenty people, all Chinese with the exception of a Portuguese named Daniel de Jesus, were yesterday arrested for playing *fan-tan* and allowed out on Police bail of \$5 each.

This morning seventeen of the defendants appeared before his Worship and all pleaded "guilty." A woman who was alleged by the police to be the tenant of the house was fined \$10 whilst the others were made to pay \$3 each. The bail of the six absent defendants, including de Jesus, was forfeited as also was his.

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When charged with snatching a gold mounted rattle handle from a little girl, a Chinese youth pleaded

that he stole the handle because he

was destitute and had no money to buy food. It having been established

that the youngster had two previous convictions for similar offences, his Worship sentenced him to 9 months' hard labour, 10 strokes of the birch and 4 hours' stocks.

A Chinese charged another with picking his pocket on board the Yunnan ferry launch *Liy*. On and stealing some notes which he had in his right breast pocket. After the complainant's servant had deposited to seeing the prisoner take the money from his master's pocket, and an Indian ticket collector on the launch had spoken about his being just in time to prevent the prisoner from throwing the money overboard, the prisoner made a long statement to the effect that the money was his, and ended by saying that the complainant hit him in the mouth breaking a tooth. The prisoner also said he wanted time to write a letter to his relatives in the country in order to get money to engage a lawyer to fight the case out for him.

His Worship: I will sentence you to six weeks' hard labour. While you are in jail, you will be given the opportunity to write to your people and if they turn up within a week and engage a lawyer for you, the case can come up again for trial.

Several other witnesses were then called, all of whom bore out the

same story as to the robbers but none of them could identify the prisoner

and it was not until Chinese P.C.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AERODROME AS WAR MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the "China Mail":—

"Sir.—If there is one class of men now than another who deserve credit for winning this great war, it is our flying men.

If we all doff our hats to them and then say to ourselves the fact at once presents itself that our War Memorial should be an Aerodrome and an air service of our own both to Shanghai, Manila and Singapore. The profits derived from it would keep on multiplying our available funds so that there would soon be enough to build the Victoria embankment and Foo-Hai suspension bridges.

Some want a theatre to laugh in; some a hospital to lay sick in; some a city hall to deliberate in; some a Baptist chapel to pray in; and so on. When we have multi-millions such as Messrs. Carnegie, Wills, Fry, Cadbury, Gould, Rockefeller, etc., as passengers on our ships, these will all "soen" like jackets of sweets which, if we wish, will be thrown down to us gratis. Those millionaires on viewing our colony from up aloft will at a glance see the necessity for the bridge and where safely landed on our Aerodrome ask for sealed tenders for its construction. A part of the site selected for the Aerodrome could be fenced in at once and a captive balloon similar to the one on Market Street, San Francisco, which ascends and descends every 15 minutes with passengers set in operation. 10 hours flying back already (China's millions would pay for this). Mothers could take their youngsters for a trip to get a personal view of our colony and see what is really wanted. Many of the youth would then aspire to be airmen, one of the exciting occupations.

Anyway, if we shan't get this air service started soon the airmen, flying and foreign drivers, will soon be coming here and offsetting us, so let us go busy and be "right up to date before it's too late." Yours truly,

Hongkong, March 20.

PUNGTILIOUS POLICE.

Upon a rubber estate in Pahang, eight or nine miles from the nearest police station, coolie died, and his death was reported 26 hours afterwards, two hours late. In Pahang the police are entitled to charge 50 cents for a late report of death. In the other three states the late fee is \$1. But the official police circular directs the officers of all four states to collect \$1. In this case therefore when the belated messenger arrived with the notice he was bidden to stand and deliver a dollar. Then the facetious assistant to the manager of that estate demanded immediate repayment of that dollar extorted, as he said, from the coolie in his fear and ignorance! The matter was referred to the D.O. who decided that 50 cents was the proper charge. The manager was requested to call at the Treasury and receive a refund of half a dollar. He thanked the O.C.P.D. for his kind invitation, promised to call when passing, and then forgot the matter. But not so the police. The official conscience was stirred until remorse became intolerable. Wherefore a trusty corporal was despatched unto the Ultio to perform the act of restitution. He travelled by charry at four miles an hour, paid the fifty cents, insisted upon a receipt in triplicate, adjourned from labour to refreshments, and returned in the cool of the evening to report the success of his mission. And very fine too! Charry hire \$3.20, one day's pay of a corporal, presumably food allowance also, all to force fifty cents upon a person who didn't want it and wouldn't have crossed the road to get it! But after all it's a fault on the right side!—*Straits Times*.

THE IRISH ANTI-CONSCRIPTION FUND.

A question in Ireland which excites attention just now is (says a correspondent) the disposal of the large sums of money collected last spring for an anti-conscription fund. These sums, which are in the hands of local committees all over the country, lie idle. They cannot fairly be used for the purposes of the now dominant Sinn Fein party, seeing that all sections of Nationalists contributed equally to the collection. No one has suggested that Sinn Fein should claim the £100,000 as a victory indemnity.

The only definite proposal comes from clerical quarters. Many pious Irish people believe that Ireland's escape from conscription was due to Mr. De Valera or to Mr. Dillon, but to Divine intervention, following the special prayers that were ordered by the bishop on the occasion of the crisis. Dr. Cohalan, the Bishop of Cork, recently urged that local subscriptions should be devoted to the building of a great new cathedral in the southern capital. The reply of the senior member of Parliament for Cork City was significant. He not only objected wholly to the proposal, but declared that Ireland had already enough churches.

Probably the money will stay where it is for the time being. Reasons can be urged in favour of this course so long as there is a possibility of the retention of compulsory service in Great Britain.

OBSTACLE TO NEW TRADE.

FIRMS' DIFFICULTIES OVER FINANCE OF WAR-TAX PAYMENTS.

The Engineering Trades (New Industries) Committee, presided over by the Hon. H. D. McLaren, M.P., have presented a report to the Ministry of Reconstruction upon the possibilities of making in Britain articles which were imported before the war.

It is stated that during the inquiry it became clear that there were a number of schemes upon which immediate action was required. In many branches of the engineering trades there existed fresh openings for British enterprise; but it is evident that questions of finance will

have an important bearing on the ability of engineering firms after the war to embark on new industries or to develop industries already existing.

Many firms are threatened with serious financial trouble unless some steps are promptly taken to finance payments due to the Inland Revenue in respect of munitions levy and excess profits taxation. Indications point to the difficulties of raising capital by means of new issues. No firm that finds itself in the position indicated is able to lay a good case before a possible investor or underwriter in regard to any new issue of capital that it may wish to make.

It is understood that certain Government departments have been compelled to make arrangements for loans to firms who had contracts in hand for them, to enable the firms to meet the urgent demands made upon them by the Inland Revenue. These loans are in some cases made payable two years after the end of the war. This arrangement, while it may give temporary relief, can hardly be said to be sufficient to meet the situation, and required specially, reviewing by the Government.

It is assumed by the committee that the excess profits tax will be removed as soon as possible; if it were not so removed there would be small likelihood of firms undertaking the risk inseparable from the starting of new industries in Britain.

FITS HONGKONG.

During a "Purity Campaign" at Singapore, the *Straits Times* thus concludes:

The question one would like to put to the Purity Campaigners is simply this: Are they prepared to accept the decision of a commission of which one half shall be doctors and the other half lawyers and professional men, after such commission has made a full and complete inquiry into (1) the local conditions, (2) the extent of medical capacity to grapple with the disease? If a commission, so formed recommends periodical inspection, compulsory notification and isolation, will the Purity Campaigners refrain from raising the old cry about "state recognition of vice?" Put it another way are they as eager to stamp out the disease as they are to advocate their own points of view? This is really the crux of the whole matter as it affects Singapore. We want the Purity Campaigners to preach with all the fervour at their command. We hope most sincerely that they will convince many; but we know our world, and we are perfectly well aware that the horrible evil this community suffers from will never be stamped out by preachers, and we are perfectly certain that justice and expediency demand a far-reaching change of method which will give medical science a fair chance of proving what it "can do." The Churches have had a hundred years with matters pretty much in their own hands and what is the result? Simply that the evil is on the increase—that the vile thing is creeping into the blood of the whole population, and that power to repress it is not used. "State recognition of vice" is a mischievous, stupid phrase. What merit is there in ignoring the obvious and making the innocent suffer?

DISOBEDY COURT ORDER.

The owner of No. 170 Wellington Street was summoned yesterday afternoon for failing to comply with the Court's order by which he was required to demolish the top floor of that house. The time allowed for the completion of the work was six weeks beginning on January 22nd, but by the expiration of this term the work was not commenced.

Mr. Leo Longinotto, Assistant Crown Solicitor, represented the P.W.D. Defendant said he had instructed Mr. Rosser, architect, to carry out the work but the latter was busy and could not attend to the matter. This morning Mr. Rosser deposed to having written several letters to the defendant to get the work in hand, but the order was not actually given until Feb. 27.

His Worship fined the defendant \$50.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."] CHINA'S PEACE TERMS.

PEKING, March 18.

The Chinese delegates at Paris, on March 8th, submitted to the Conference China's peace terms with Germany and Austria. They express the hope that all unequal terms and unjust restrictions upon China's sovereignty will be removed.

China demands the return of Tsingtao, the return of railway and mining interests, the cancellation of agreements with Germany, the cancellation of the Boxer Indemnities, and the return of the Observatory instruments stolen in 1900.

HOCKEY.

STAFF AND DEPTS. v. HONG-KONG DEFENCE CORPS.

The Staff and Departments carried on their winning career in the United Services League yesterday. They defeated the H.K.D.C. at the Happy Valley. The first half was well and evenly contested. Both goals had narrow escapes. Pugh just missing with a fast shot aimed at the Defence Corps goal. Wood scored for the Defence Corps and would have scored again but for an effective tackle by the Rev. Mr. Bundle. Halftime the Defence Corps led by goal to nil.

In the second half play slightly favoured the regular soldiers. Following a combined movement Horrocks brought the scores level. Wood and Schnepel made play on the left wing but Scouler pulled them up. Hodgson and Stewart tried again but this time Gallagher stopped them. With time approaching the Staff made repeated efforts to score. Five minutes from the end Pugh succeeded in breaking through and he scored the winning goal. Result—

Staff and Depts. 2; H.K.D.C. 1.

Teams—

Staff and Depts.—Glenny, Bundle, Coles, Scouler, Gallagher, Conner, Kirby, Horrocks, Pugh, Knight, and Turner.

H.K.D.C.—

Jennings, Hickling and Evans;

North Edmonds, and Piercy; Taylor, Stewart, Hodgson, Wood, and Schnepel.

Two officers of Genl. Knox's mission were the umpires.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Under-signed have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

SATURDAY, March 22, 1919, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, One Hammerless Double Barreled 12 bore Fowling Piece in Leather Case. (By Riley-Bond Street London).

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Hongkong, March 20, 1919.

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Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before noon, To-day.

Goods not cleared by March 28 1919, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Agents.

Hongkong, March 19, 1919.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,

Shameen, Canton, have this day been appointed AGENTS for the sale and distribution of the "CHINA MAIL" in Canton and the surrounding districts.

March 1, 1919.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO. LTD., will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 29th day of March 1919, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the abovementioned resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th day of March, 1919, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:

1. That the capital of the Company be increased from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 by the creation of 20,000 new shares of \$20 each to participate in any dividend declared after the 7th February, 1919, pro rata with the existing capital.

2. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz.—

(a) By the insertion of the words "without the sanction of the Directors" between the word "shall" and the word "except" in line 3 of Article 19.

(b) By the addition of the following words at the end of Article 19.—

"Provided further that the registration of a transfer of shares whereby the holding of any shareholder is increased beyond 1500 shares shall be conclusive evidence that the sanction of the directors to such increased holding has been given."

(c) By the insertion of the letter "(a)" after the figures "101" constituting the number of Article 101 and by the addition of the following paragraph to Article 101:

"Board may employ the reserve fund for the time being or any portion thereof (and that whether such fund or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with was set aside for the special purpose to which it is proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equilising dividends, in paying special dividends, or bonuses, in repairing, improving or maintaining any of the property of the Company or otherwise in the business of the Company and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interests of the Company and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid, the Board shall not be bound to keep the reserve fund separate from the other assets."

(d) By the addition immediately after Article 101 of a new Article as follows:—

"101A. (1) The Company in General Meeting may in the year 1919 pass a resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise to the extent provided for by this Article the sum of \$1,000,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalisation such sum of \$1,000,000 be distributed as a bonus amongst the persons who are registered as the holders of shares of the Company on such date as the Board shall decide in proportion to the issued shares held by them on that date respectively."

(2) When such resolution has been passed the Board may allot and issue the 20,000 unissued shares of the Company credited as fully paid up to such persons as are referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article in satisfaction of the said bonus to the extent of allotting one unissued share for each complete number of three issued shares held by them respectively, and prior to such allotment the Board may authorise any person on behalf of such persons as aforesaid to enter into an Agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them of such shares credited as fully paid up in satisfaction as aforesaid and in such proportion as aforesaid and any Agreement made, under such authority shall be effective.

(3) It shall be no objection to resolutions passed under paragraph (1) of this Article that they are passed at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article was confirmed as a Special Resolution, provided that a due notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolution shall have been given prior to the confirmatory meeting aforesaid."

And the abovementioned resolution will be further proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, viz.:—

"That it is desirable to capitalise to the extent hereinafter provided for the sum of \$1,000,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund and accordingly that for the purpose of effecting such capitalisation a bonus of \$1.66 per share on each of the issued shares of the Company be hereby authorised to satisfy such bonus as far as possible by the distribution amongst the persons who are registered as the holders of the issued shares of the Company on such date as the Board shall decide in respect of each complete number of three issued shares of the Company credited as fully paid up in respect of each complete number of three issued shares of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such bonus in respect of each such complete number of three issued shares."

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Takao	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Canadian C. S. Ltd.	On 5th April.
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Tsinling	Tango Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 28th Mar. at 11 a.m.
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Manila	Loongsang	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 26th Mar. at 1 p.m.
Macassar, Singapore, Malacca & Colono	Tenshin Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama	Nikko Maru	Marshall, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	Middle of April.
Penang, Colombo & Port Said	Kimang	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 1st April, at 11 a.m.
Mountains, Dejago Bay, Durban	Hokkaido Maru	Marshall, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 1st April, at 3 p.m.
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NEWS FROM HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, January 14.

THE CHANGE OVER.

There is no enthusiasm for the new Cabinet. Mr. Winston Churchill taking charge of both war and heaven, as Minister for War and Air, does not move men to applause. Nor does the spectacle of the self-servant Sir F. E. Smith on the Woolwich give rise to feelings of becoming awe, while the wonder grows as to what Mr. Long knows about the Navy and what the special qualifications of Mr. Austen Chamberlain are for the introduction of critical Budgets. I repeat my prediction of my last letter—the Government will not hold Parliament together for long, probably two years at the outside.

Already trouble is brewing in Ireland, a fact not altogether divorced from the preponderance of revolutionary influence in the new House. The first big squalls look like coming from that quarter, and then the next squalls from the national demand for housing and land reforms from a House thick with men who have "interests" to preserve by stemming the tide of such reforms.

The next Budget is expected to be a "swinging" one, with many new taxes and a sharper method of exacting income tax from weekly wages.

As to the Peace Conference, many things are already well on the way to a settlement. The thorny matters that will take considerable time are the indemnity to be extracted from Germany, and the disposition of the German Colonies, on which latter point, of course, our own Dominions claim to have a leading voice.

Optimists believe the Conference will have concluded its labours within two months, but they admit that an army of occupation must remain in Germany for some year or two thereafter to ensure the independence and other undertakings being met. That I think, is over sanguine, considering the present condition of Germany, but the fact that the Allies have had many preliminary talks and have come to an agreement on the main lines, should expedite the final clearing up of the whole European mess. There will be difficulty, as usual, in settling the Balkan division, but the one certainty is that Serbia will come out bigger and stronger than ever. I know that this shrunken nation is full of enterprise and hope. One of its leading men British appliances for the development of the country, and he showed me the other night a receipt for a first, big instalment of purchases, ranging from hotel equipment and foodstuffs to agricultural machinery.

OVERSEAS TRADE.

When Parliament opens in about a month from now, there will be awkward questions to the Board of Trade on the management of the restrictions on trade. Here is a sample of the scores of cases of foolishness that manufacturers and merchants have placed before me. A large firm in New Zealand ordered a great quantity of block liquorice, running into scores of tons. A permit was sought by the merchants and it was pointed out that there was no shortage of block liquorice in the country. A long wait resulted in a permit for five cwt. Then the High Commissioner took hand and communications crossed and intercrossed for weeks. Eventually the permit was made to cover ten hundredweight. The next day to that all restrictions were taken off the export of block liquorice.

Nobody seems to know the naturally responsible, the Overseas Trade Dept. does not appear to have the powers it needs, and even in the matter of the new Overseas Trade Commissioners, the Treasury is doing out the money so negligently, that the best men don't want to be part of the scheme. Perhaps when Parliament takes a hand, things will improve.

It is asserted that the classification of commodities in the export and import lists issued by the Customs contains serious defects. Goods are lumped together in classes regardless of their material constitution, with the result that it is impossible to disentangle the figures so far as to reach an estimate of the fate of raw materials, or to arrive at a gross total of distinct and important trades. It would appear that the Customs does not recognise the authority of the Intelligence Department in the matter, and the only way to secure revision of the lists is for the commercial community to take action, and it is therefore intended to draw the attention of the Chambers of Commerce to the matter. What the Overseas Trade Department is doing, with the aid of a considerable staff, is the compilation of information of foreign competition.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

The *Birmingham Post* says:

"There is good ground for the statement that, as a result of communications which have passed between London and Pekin, a British Mission will be sent to China as soon as its composition can be definitely settled for the purpose of considering questions affecting Chinese finances. As the mission will also have to discuss the relationship between the Far Eastern Republic and our Indian dependencies, it is naturally desired

that its members should be experts of ripe experience; and it is especially hoped, therefore, that two in particular of those who have been invited to go will see their way to undertake the journey."

GERMAN SPIES.

It has been amply proved by now that our secret service, during the war was better than that of the Germans, in spite of the enormous sums lavished by the Huns for many years and their great efforts to build up a network of invisible agents.

It appears that the German bureaucrats did not trust their own agents. They had the spys fever so badly that they suspected everybody, and lived onenterprises of anxiety. The latest story is that very early in the war one of their men with great intrepidity actually got away from Scapa Flow with full particulars of our battle squadrons, their stations and ratings, as well as the fact that there were no guns or torps in the harbour to protect them from attack. When he got back to Germany he was shot dead. His employers in the underworld game were convinced that he had been killed by the British Government and that the story he was selling had been prepared for them in order to lead the German Fleet on to destruction.

BOXING AND SPORT.

Football looks like coming into more than its own, while golf is reviving greatly, and many players are rejoicing to find that their game has not deteriorated by the interruption of war.

DANCING BOOM.

But vast numbers of people make merry while they can. Dancing has never had such a boom. Every hall and dance room is engaged weeks ahead, and private dances are so numerous that it is difficult now to get a band, no matter how small, unless it is engaged long before. It is said that the oldsters are going it even harder than the youngsters, for the main lines of these dances are the "two step" and Fox trot. With these the festive veterans renew their youth and bid dull care be gone.

THE HUN NAVAL MIND AND ITS LOOSENESS.

It is all very well to talk about psychology and understanding the German mind," said a naval officer, "but I'm hanged if I know where to start."

Certainly if one studies the officers

and crews of the seventy old ships in the German Scapa Flow fleet one does not know where to start. They are so un-British, in fact, they are so unlike the rest of the world in their behaviour, that there seems no logical bridge by which one can cross to appreciate their mental workings.

Their lack of discipline, says a writer in the London *Daily Mail*, has

already been much commented on

and may be broadly attributed to

their degeneration as a fighting force;

but to what mental process can one

attribute the fact that the German

seaman slavishly obeys a direction

given him by a British officer and yet preserves an attitude of neutrality

towards his own?

For that is the general experience

of our officers who have on duty

visited the German ships. The Ger

man seaman will run about at once

at a hint from a British officer. Per

haps that is the spirit that made

the German sailors the success he was

in pre-war days, but the British naval

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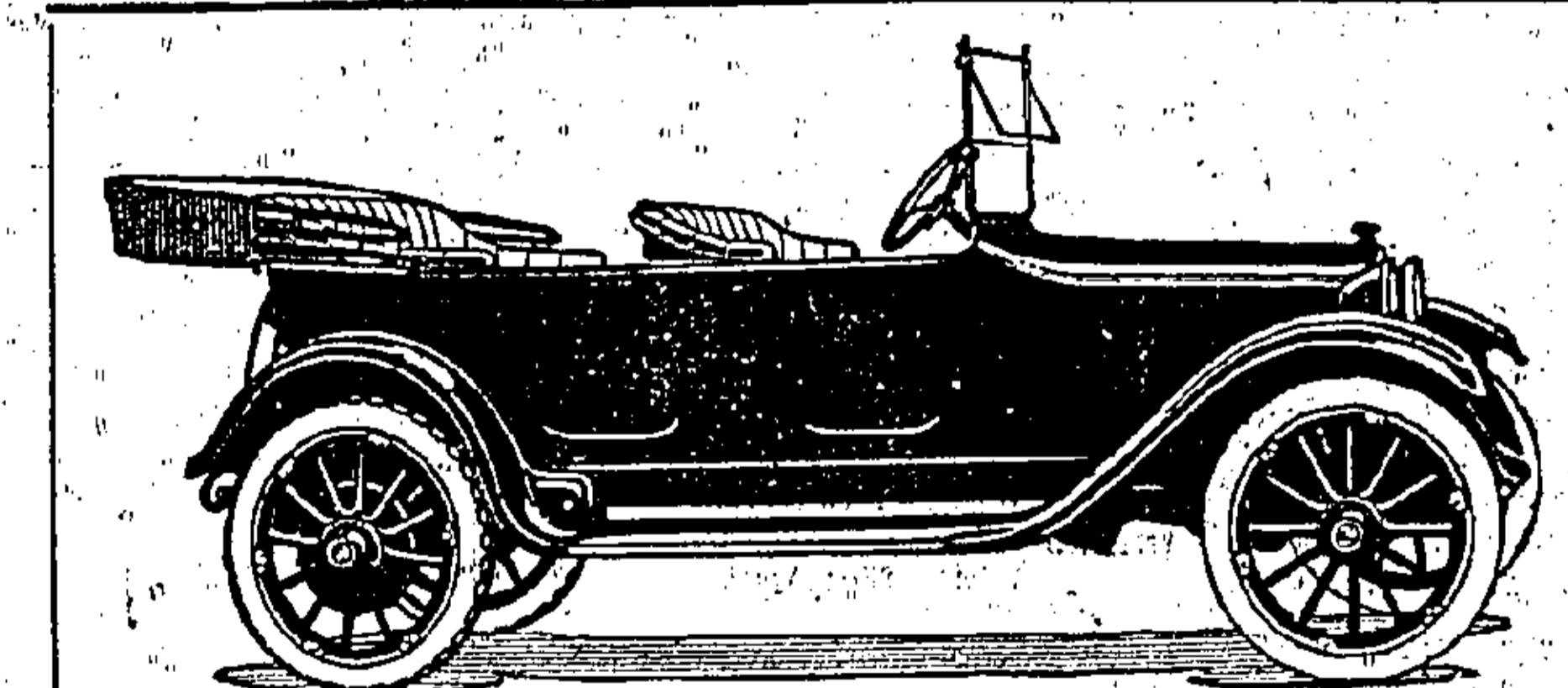
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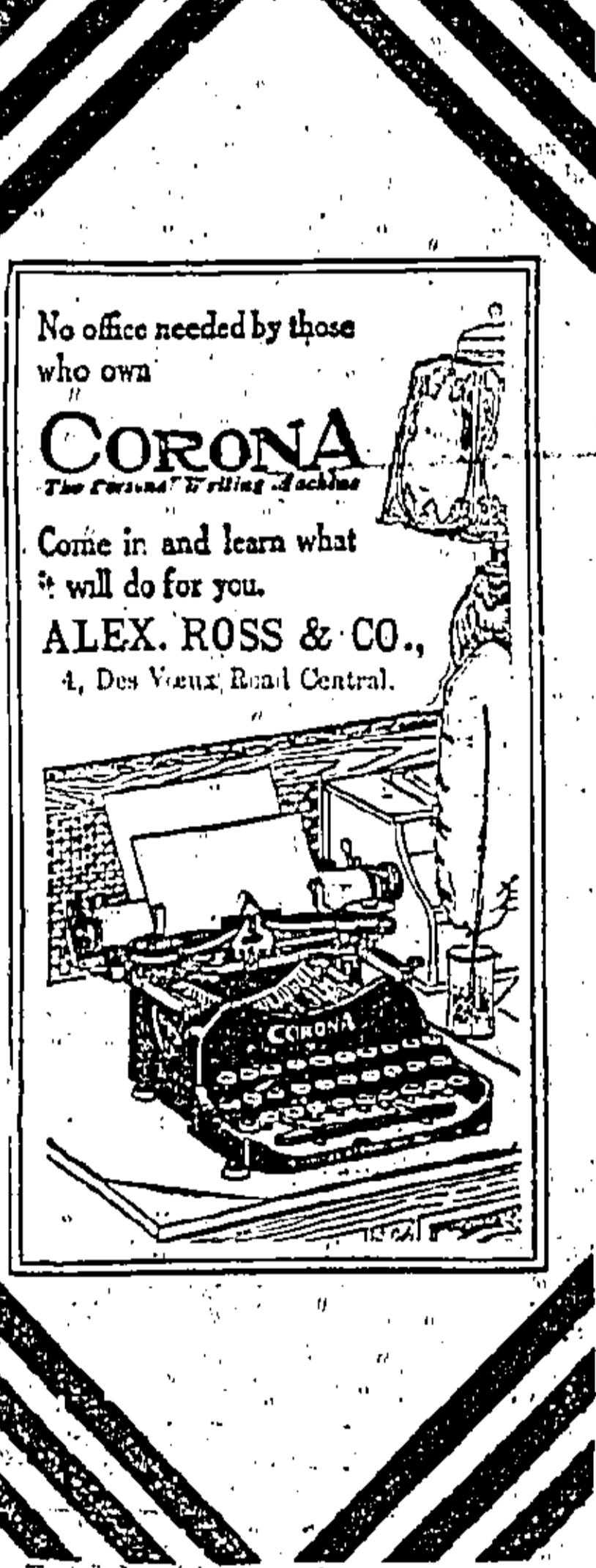
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SCOTTISH SPORT.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE

January 7.

The great interest in the holiday games of the Scottish League centred in the doings of Rangers and Celtic, especially Rangers. For some weeks Rangers had been easy first on the table of totals, the rest nowhere, with the exception of a possible challenger in Celtic. Then on New Year's Day came the statutory fixture between the two old Glasgow rivals, which ended in a draw. Needless to say it was a great fight. Curiously enough, each side scored when least expected and when least deserved—Celtic after sustaining a long spell of pressure, Rangers at a period when the odds favoured their opponents. There was a striking similarity, also, in other parts of the play, that made a drawn game fit the result. Both sides mixed excellent chances, and both were well served in defence. Then came Rangers' engagement at Firhill, when they suffered the crucial defeat. It was perhaps not altogether deserved, but one could not withhold credit to the Thistle for their display of pluck and perseverance. There is not much polish about the Firhill players, but they know the shortest and swiftest way to goal. These games brighten the prospects of the League; they show that Rangers are far from Championship form, and that Celtic may prove dangerous if they keep bucking up. Of the other clubs, Morton have had bad time; and Third Lanark have handed the New Year well with an addition of four points.

Dumbarton, 1; Clydebank, 1.

Rangers, 1; Celtic, 1.

Patrick Thistle, 1; Third Lanark, 2.

Queen's Park, 2; Ayr United, 2.

Clyde, 2; Falkirk, 4.

Kilmarnock, 1; St. Mirren, 3.

Airdrieonians, 2; Morton, 1.

Hamilton Academicals, 1; Motherwell, 3.

Partick Thistle, 1; Rangers, 0.

Celtic, 2; Clyde, 0.

Third Lanark, 2; Clydebank, 0.

Morton, 3; St. Mirren, 1.

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Motherwell, 3; Queen's Park, 1.

Falkirk, 5; Dumbarton, 1.

Clydebank, 0; Morton, 3.

Clyde, 1; Partick Thistle, 1.

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THE POWDERHALL MARATHON.

The Powderhall Marathon at Edinburgh is now recognised as one of the world's great distance races; before the war it attracted numbers of runners from all nations; it is certain that in the future it will again call upon a very wide field of athletic talent. The conditions of this competition have varied from time to time, and at the present New Year gathering the handicap system was followed and the distance was ten miles. From the prominent part he has taken at this distance for several years, great interest was attached to the running of George McCrae, of Banknock. He recently broke P. Cannon's long-standing record for ten miles, and failed by a small margin to equal that of A. Shrub. But the track was a little heavy for record-breaking, and there was a troublesome westerly wind. In addition, McCrae has not of late been in the best of form. Indeed it was soon apparent that his recent times were not to be maintained, and that he had no chance of winning the handicap. McCrae, however, won the cup for the best time, and having performed this feat five years in succession, it becomes his property. He was clocked as 53 min. 32 sec.

For fully half distance, Paddy Cannon, the Hibernian football trainer, kept the lead, but the veteran of 62 years had then to yield first place to R. Young, Kirknewton, a comparative youngster of 50. A little later Young had to give way to T. G. Shaw, who having gone to the front, maintained that position to the end. Indeed it is calculated that if he had known of McCrae's times he might have carried off the cup.

Shaw, a burly fellow, is a game keeper in Lanarkshire, and has been well known on the track for some years as a distance runner. In 1916 he was third in the Marathon at Powderhall, and two years ago won a mile on the same track.

The 100 yards handicap sprint brought out some good talent and keen finishes. In the final little more than a yard covered the six who took part, and it was as close as possible being a dead heat between the first and

PERSONAL TRIUMPH.

The "personal triumph of Mr. Lloyd George" over which an admiring press waxed so enthusiastic a fortnight ago has been somewhat short-lived. By Wednesday last the whole of these enthusiasts were engaged in bemoaning Mr. Lloyd George's personal failure to form an Administration to their liking. Never has a new Government been "boozed" so unanimously or so vehemently on its first appearance. This may not much trouble the actor-manager, who can't be relied upon to stir himself out of any uncomfortable position, and who, if it is necessary for that purpose, never hesitates to throw away a colleague when a storm is threatened in the gallery. Already he has caused it to be understood that the cast of his new production is merely a temporary stop-gap, and that the earliest opportunity will be taken of introducing a new set of performers, certain to prove popular favourites. But all this seems rather hard on the gentlemen who have consented—of course, most reluctantly—to oblige by taking the various parts. After all, when it is said "that this is only the same old gang with the parts reshuffled, is it not the old gang which assisted to win the war?" And if they helped to win the war, did they not equally help to win the election? It really seems the basest ingratitude immediately after they have performed these feats to turn round and revile them, jointly and severally, as a party of obsolete incapables only fit to be scrapped.—*Truth*.

second-men, J. Edwards, Edinburgh (7), and H. T. Ronaldson, Innerleithen (11)—time 10 15 secs. Edwards is 21 years of age, and is an engineer, having been engaged for some time in Scotland on munition work. He is an Englishman, and is better known on the track as Charleton, Harwich, Lancashire.

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